

Parish Council Meeting 11th April 2024

Jubilee Meadow Makers Working Group update



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Below are notes of an informal meeting of the working group from 1st March. Subsequent to the meeting the following should be noted:

- The fortnightly working sessions on the meadow are continuing and we've built a small but regular team
- A willow 'living wigwam' has been created beside the soakaway along with a willow fence in front of the water tank
- A new interpretation board focusing on grassland regeneration and the use of green-hay that is being provided by The Norfolk RiversTrust is on order
- Ragwort forks and a soil rake have been purchased from project funds. We are intending to buy clip-frames for poster display
- Initial contacts have been made with the primary school
- Swift project - most of the home-owners of the existing Swift colony on Long Lane have been approached and there was a very positive response to the proposal to put up Swift boxes on their properties. Funding opportunities notably a SNDC Go-for-It grant are being explored

Dave Jones 8th April 2024

Jubilee Meadow Makers meeting notes

date: 1st March 2024

(an informal meeting arranged due to cancellation of working session)

present: Alison, Dave, Enid, Fenella, Gill, Heather, Michael, Pauline & Victoria

ref	item	actions
1	Events schedule	
	confirmed: NWT Wilder Communities "A Meadow in the making" Walk - Weds 29th May 10-12 (Event bookable through NWT site with a limit of 15. Anyone from Meadow Makers welcome to help Dave lead. Potentially can offer refreshments and toilets in the temporary classroom - Gill to confirm)	Gill
	to be confirmed Participation in Pre-school Easter egg hunt incorporating Meadow - Sat 23rd March 10-12 (Gill to confirm. Our attendance not essential but	Gill

	<p>opportunity to engage. Will want to have roped off wildflower area and be consulted in on-site arrangements)</p> <p>Church Easter event - 29/3 2-4 (Gill to check if they are proposing to use the meadow again this year)</p> <p>Stand at Norfolk Community Biodiversity Awards 10th anniversary at the Forum - Sunday 23rd June 10-5 (one for the diary - don't yet know details of the arrangements)</p> <p>Representation at Chet Valley Summer Fete (Loddon) - Sat 6th July (hopefully Liz can represent us as part of NWT presence. Anyone else who is available or wishes to attend could assist?)</p>	<p>Gill</p> <p>Dave</p>
2	Additional Events	
	<p>Ideas discussed</p> <p>Green hay. NWT have contacted us and are beginning to plan green hay and seed project for this year. It was agreed we should repeat last year's Green Hay event potentially to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second bug hotel with 'living' roof (start gathering materials) Bug hunt (Dave to check who South Yare Wildlife Group use) Children's craft activities (ideas welcome) Cakes and refreshments (potentially new Community Hall available?) <p>Dawn Chorus. Dave & Pauline to confirm a date. Potentially 4th May. Refreshments - we might be able to use temporary pre-school (Gill)</p> <p>School engagement. Gill will again contact Forest School coordinator and has already discussed with preschool manager. Victoria would also raise with school (Victoria to draft a potential 'offer')</p> <p>Moth trap. Dave & Pauline to consider logistics. It was noted that evening sessions are not family friendly but there might be other options</p> <p>Other ideas raised/discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poetry and prose on the meadow Music on the Meadow Night Safari (potential of UV torches) Invite Shotesham Art Group (Fennella) Construct a 'living' structure e.g. a den using hazel, willow and creeping plant such as honeysuckle (Gill to raise with PC and ask about availability of more hazel) Willow hedgehog shelter 	<p>Dave</p> <p>Dave & Pauline Gill Gill</p> <p>Victoria</p> <p>Dave & Pauline</p> <p>Fenella Gill</p>
3	Swift project	
	<p>As far as we are aware the only potential resource identified is Lee's suggestion of someone willing to install boxes. Funding would need required for boxes, sound equipment, promotion etc</p> <p>Gill would contact Danny Thomas to see when he might be available to have a kick-off meeting</p>	<p>Gill</p>
4	Other	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working group days were discussed. It was agreed that mid week days were still the best option but we would be able to schedule evening sessions as days lengthen • Budget available at least £400 including a £300 SNDC grant. Some tools are required (Ragwort forks, additional hay rakes, Azada, Soil rakes). Further suggestions for purchases welcome. • We budgeted for a late winter cut but given the area involved we'll consider mowing it ourselves 	Dave
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We can use available soil to try and even out paths. Gill to see if she can obtain some of the turfs that are now being advertised on facebook and/or put out a request 	Gill
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill advised that another of the poplar trees is going to cut down. Potential opportunities to use logs for seating, bug house construction? Gill to confirm dates 	Gill
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWT had suggested taking the opportunity to collect wildflower seed to add to the meadow 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to start collecting material for next bug house 	